

YEARNING.

Perchance on some autumn day,
When flowers are pale and dead;
When sombre clouds are cold and gray,
And fading leaves of brown and red
Flutter slowly and softly down,
They'll lay me under ground.

Now fair visions of holy rest,
Bright dreams of heavenly love,
Calm my restless, yearning breast,
And tell me of the home above;
Of the slumber and peace I crave,
In my silent, quiet grave.

In God's own time I'll fall asleep;
On summer's day or winter's eve;
When autumn skies will sad weep,
And sweetest flowers all will grieve;
Lulled to rest in a grave so dark,
Floating out in the phantom bark.

FLASHES.

Snoring is now politely described as indulging in sheet music.

A secret warranted to keep in any climate—a woman's age.

Riches will never take wings and fly away if you sprinkle a little economy on its tail.

What do you expect to see reflected in your inauspicious eyes? Yourself, if she is a good looking lass.

It is said by men who have sailed a mile a minute on an ice boat, that the sensation is like falling from a building.

"What, children! playing soldiers on Sunday?" "Yes, mamma; but we are singing 'Onward, Christian Soldiers!'"

Paris cats a thousand horses every month. This is what we should call galloping consumption.

Heat is a mode of motion. That is what makes a boy prance around so lively when his jacket is being warmed.

When a man wants to call a puppy, he whistles, but a girl just walks along with a handkerchief floating across her shoulder.

A Chicago man who wanted to add a postscript to a letter after he had mailed it, was found trying to dig up the lamp post.

A photographer said that at eighteen a girl will sit twelve times for a photograph, and then be dissatisfied. At forty, the same person will sit once and take the picture, even if the artist points out three or four defects.

A woman never measures her hysterics according to the size of the occasion, but furnishes just as fine a variety on finding a bug in her lunch basket as she would if it were an alligator.

Mr. Krawl threw a lighted match down by a keg of powder, as he entered his store in Davenport, Iowa, but the manner in which he came out was not at all suggestive of his name.

A little boy who wore striped stockings was asked by a man on the streets why he made barber's poles of his legs. His reply was, "Well, ain't I little shaver?"

A little boy, who was nearly starved by a stingy uncle (his guardian) with whom he lived, meeting a hank grayhound in the street, was asked by his guardian what made the dog so thin. After reflecting, the little fellow replied: "I suppose he lives with his uncle."

He had stayed till the clock hands hung together at eleven, and that valuable recorder of time was menacing a strike. She had yawned till her mouth felt large enough for a horse collar, and yet the young man evinced no symptoms of speedy departure. "I've been working on a motto to-day," she finally said, as she held her eyes open with her fingers; "don't you want to see it?" He said he did. She brought out the article and passed it to him for inspection. He held it up to the light and read the cheerful sentence: "There is no place like home." The young man guessed he'd be going.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

A true heart never grows old.

What fate imposes men must needs abide.

Mercy blesteth him that gives and him that takes.

Domestic happiness is the only bliss of paradise that survived the fall.

The public man that needs but one patron, namely, the lucky moment.

The air is full of farewells to the dying and mournings for the dead.

The only sin which we never forgive in each other is difference of opinion.

The mind revolts against opinions as the stomach revolts against food.

Remember, rather, obedience is the mother of success, wedded to safety; so the wise assure us.

Necessity of action takes away the fear of the act, and makes bold resolution the favorite of fortune.

We cannot conquer fate and necessity, yet we can yield to them in such a way as to be greater than if we could.

Value the friendship of him who stands by you in the storm; swarms of insects will surround you in sunshine.

When we see the shameful fortunes amassed in all quarters of the globe, are we not impelled to exclaim that Judas' thirty pieces of silver have fruited across the centuries.

He that discovers himself till he hath made himself master of his desires lays himself open to his own ruin, and makes himself prisoner to his own tongue.

The mind has a certain vegetative power which cannot be wholly idle. If it is not laid out and cultivated into a beautiful garden, it will of itself shoot up weeds or flowers of a wild growth.

Men do not make their homes unhappy because they have grins, but because they have not enough of them. A mind and sentiment of a higher order would render them capable of seeing and feeling all the beauty of domestic ties.

Improvement of Our Lands a Necessity.

[From The Southern Planter and Farmer.]
The improvement of our lands is of the first importance. Upon this rests the prosperity and success of our agricultural interests; and upon the success of our agricultural interest hinges the success of all other interests. This proposition is so clear and self-evident that I don't suppose any one will be willing to hazard his reputation for intelligence by trying to controvert a fact that the most superficial thinker cannot fail to see at a glance. The proposition admitted, we proceed to show from history what agriculture has done for past ages. Go back to Egypt, the mother of all the great nations of antiquity, the cradle of the arts and sciences, and see what the secret of her greatness was. It was the incomparable fertility of her soil, naturally and artificially, and the success with which her lands were cultivated, which made her what she was—the great granary of the world and mistress of the seas. All the petty neighboring powers were forced to pour into her lap (through her ships) their treasures in exchange for breadstuffs; thus means were furnished for her internal improvements, and intellectual improvement followed as a natural consequence. Wherever agriculture has been made a success (and this can only be done by the improvement of lands) all the arts and sciences have flourished. History is full of examples. Look at Greece, Italy, France, England, and our own country. Civilization and improved agriculture go hand in hand, the one following in the wake of the other. As agriculture advances, civilization follows. It is a great civilization. It seems to be the natural occupation of man; but, unfortunately, the young men of the present day look upon the farmer's life as being low and degrading. With all the boasted intelligence and civilization of the present day, we might learn lessons of profit from the ancient heathen. They regarded agriculture, as it should be, the most honorable occupation, and so much so that crowned heads engaged in it with their own hands.
I repeat again, with improved lands comes improved agriculture; with improved agriculture comes improvement in every direction—mentally, morally, physically—in short, the improvement of the whole man. This is the sum total of human effort. It all centres in this one grand idea—the improvement of man—and very properly so, for certain it is that we need preparation for that high and holy state to which it is impossible for any to attain without effort. J. R. M.

Small Compost Heaps.

All farmers know the value of "compost," and how to prepare it. Many farmers manufacture hundreds of loads of the best manure in this way. They gather together on the premises forest leaves, corn-stalks, including the roots, weeds, vines, offal from fence corners, muck from ponds and ditches, occasional sprinklings of lime through the mass, layers of barnyard manure, and thus build up oblong squares are let remain over winter. When April arrives, the mass has gone through fermentation and comminution, and presents a mound of fertilizing matter better than a small gold mine would be to the proprietor of the farm.

But we want to see these compost heaps in the garden, and there is no reason why they should not be there as well as upon the farm. There is rubbish enough in the garden, with the assistance of leaves, some mold from the woods, if attainable; if not, from portions of the premises where it can be spared; scrapings from the turnpike, manure from the stable, and every attainable substance that will decay through the winter. A little slaked lime will be a good assistance. A half dozen loads of excellent manure will be manufactured by the time it is wanted in the spring, without incurring a cent of actual expense.

Oyster Shells for Laying Hens.

Now is the time to secure and begin to feed oyster shells to your hens. Get the shells wherever you can most conveniently, enough to fill a box or barrel. Break up in small pieces, near the feeding place, about a pound a day for every twenty or twenty-five hens. Make the pieces small enough for the hens to swallow. They will eat this amount clean every day, and it will furnish lime for the shells of their eggs. It is a small chore, but it will pay.

The manufacture of paper from wood has reached the altitude of perfection in Canada. The superintendent of a mill up there says a tree is cut down and shoved into one end of the mill, and five minutes later there is a neighbor at the other end to borrow the paper.

It is officially estimated that the wheat crop this year will be 70,000,000 bushels larger than last year's crop, leaving 100,000,000 bushels for exportation. The cotton crop will be almost 4,500,000 bales. The tobacco crop will be about 60,000,000 pounds greater than last year.

Syrian Scenery and Climate.

Within its four corners nature has collected the luxuries of every climate and all possible combinations of panoramic beauty. True, indeed, desolation has wrought strange havoc in the greater part of Palestine. This was distinctly foretold. But yet, even in its ruin, enough remains of its pristine glory to display both what it was and what it is to be again. No other country, I believe, of the same size, can show the like variety. For instance, from Alpine snows, on the summit of Hermon, ten thousand feet high, within a distance of some seventy miles, the traveler descends through every gradation of climate, to a region truly tropical, in that deepest spot on earth, the south of the Jordan valley. To those who know the land of Israel well, I have but to mention in confirmation of this, the weird Dead Sea, the lowly Gennesareth, the park-like woods of Gil-el and Bashan, the pastures of Moab, the wide plains, such as Sharon, Esdraelon, and Acca, hemmed in by purple mountain walls; the central limestone range, with an average height of over two thousand feet—the largest portion of the country—diversified, as all limestone hills are, by bold gorges, large caves, deep valleys and fantastic summits, and less beautiful indeed, in themselves, but ever forming a striking contrast to the rest, barren stretches of russet-brown desert.—"Palestine Revisited."

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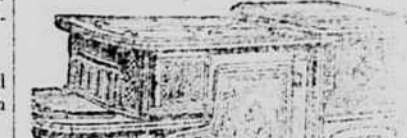
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